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It has been an exciting and productive first year in office for District Attorney Suzanne West and her staff at the 63rd/83rd Judicial District Attorney's Office. While the COVID-19 pandemic caused all court hearings to be held remotely until August 2021, the office was hard at work presenting cases to grand jury, plea-bargaining cases in both the 63rd and 83rd District Courts, and resuming with jury trials in the latter half of the year. Between January 1 and December 31 of 2021, the office has disposed of 564 criminal cases. Among those cases, here are just a few of our significant cases that resulted in a plea bargain agreement between the State and criminal defendants. It is with the continued commitment of the dedicated prosecutors, investigators and support staff of the District Attorney's Office to bring these criminals to justice and provide skilled and compassionate assistance to their victims.



STATE OF TEXAS v. JULIO FLORES CASTRO

On April 20, 2021, Del Rio resident, Julio Cesar Flores Castro, 38, pled guilty to 20 years for one count of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child under 14 years of age, a first-degree felony punishable by 5 to 99 years. He also pled to 10 years for multiple counts of Indecency with a Child by Sexual Contact. All counts will run concurrently. The two victims were close relatives of Flores Castro who were 9-years-old and 11-years-old at the time of the indictment. On about May 20, 2020, the Del Rio Police Department received a call with allegations of Flores Castro sexually assaulting his minor relatives. In a forensic interview with the child victims, they recounted years-long worth of sexual abuse, which started in Piedra Negras, Mexico and continued when the family moved to Del Rio, Texas. During the course of the investigation, the State retrieved evidence of a blanket that, based on the children's statements was believed to contain Flores Castro's bodily fluids. Upon his release from prison, Castro will be required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.



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STATE OF TEXAS v. JORGE MARTINEZ

In October 2021, Del Rio resident, Jorge Martinez, 53, pled guilty to 27 years for Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child Younger than 14 Years of Age, a first-degree felony. He also pled to the maximum sentence of 20 years for Indecency with a Child Younger than 14 Years of Age, two counts of Sexual Assault of a Child Younger than 17 Years of Age, and two counts of Sexual Performance by a Child Younger than 18 Years of Age, second-degree felonies. Additionally, Martinez also pled to the maximum sentence of 10 years for each of the one count of Indecency with a Child Younger than 17 Years of Age by Exposure and two counts of Possession of Child Pornography, both third-degree felonies. All counts will run concurrently. The three identified child victims, ranging from ages 11 to 14 at the time of the offenses, were children of Martinez's friends, neighbors, and business associates. Upon his release from prison, Martinez will be required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.



STATE OF TEXAS v. SAMUEL GUERRA

On October 4, 2021, a Del Rio resident, Samuel G. Guerra, 26, pled guilty to 25 years for each of the two counts of Continuous Sexual Abuse of Young Child, a first-degree felony, with no possibility of parole under Texas law. The two child victims were identified as relatives of Guerra



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and were 11 and 13 years of age at the time of the offenses. During the interview, the victims recounted multiple instances of sexual assault by Guerra, which started from 2015 and continued to 2018. Guerra also pled guilty to 5 years at the Correctional Institutions Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for an unrelated charge for Assault on a Public Servant, a third-degree felony. All counts will run concurrently, and upon release at the age of 51, the defendant will be required to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.